

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 380 - SB 326**

April 3, 2017

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Defines “solitary confinement” for juveniles and states a child who is alleged to have committed a delinquent act, or is unruly or found to be delinquent or unruly by a juvenile court, will not be subject to solitary confinement while the child is detained in a juvenile facility.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenue - \$1,100/One-Time/TBI**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$1,100/One-Time/TBI**  
**\$59,400/One-Time/General Fund**  
**\$1,441,200/Recurring/General Fund**

**Assumptions:**

- Based on information provided by the Department of Children’s Services (DCS), the DCS cannot accommodate the proposed legislation within existing resources.
- The DCS would require 33 security staff in order to enforce the provisions of the proposed legislation.
- The one-time increase associated with the positions is estimated to be \$59,400 (33 staff x \$1,800 computer cost).
- The recurring increase in state expenditures associated with the additional positions is estimated to be \$1,441,209 (\$858,924 salaries + \$371,085 benefits + \$118,800 training + \$72,600 telecommunications + \$19,800 supplies).
- Based on information from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI), the TBI will collect one-time revenue and incur one-time expenditures of \$32.65 for each background check conducted in FY17-18 on all new staff positions for totals of \$1,077 (33 x \$32.65) respectively.
- Based on information provided by the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth, prohibiting placement in solitary confinement does not prohibit placement in a single-person room as long as there is appropriate interaction. Most secure juvenile facilities have single-person rooms; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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